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on August 16, 2004

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| Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified |
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Sir:

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Applicants did not receive any action from the Patent Office. Applicants spoke to Examiner Tran who stated that the Amendment was not entered.

Applicants now realize that the August 16, 2004 Amendment was not signed. Applicants also note that the postcard that accompanied the Supplemental Response was not stamped. Accordingly, accompanying this Request are copies of:

- -- the August 16, 2004 Amendment, now duly signed;
- -- petition for one month extension of time, filed August 16, 2004;
- -- executed 1.132 Declaration, filed September 13, 2004;
- -- Notice of Appeal with two month extension of time, filed October 15, 2004; and
- -- copies of filed postcards.

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Applicants respectfully request that these documents be entered and acted upon as soon as possible.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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